Notes on Interview by Walter Kronkite
of John J. McCloy — 7/2/67 — CBS-TV
Channel 2 — 12:30 to 1pm

__McCloy__ Did have counsel representing the State of Texas and the Pres of the ABA "to see that we were conducting ourselves with propriety in respect of __any of the witnesses__." (LHO was __not__ a witness) ... Looked at it objectively. "We couldn't come down there with any preconceived notion."

__WK__ "Is it possible ... to take a situation in which a man had been caught c̄ all the evidence on him ... and not begin c̄ that premise that he was guilty?"

__McCloy__ WC was not bound by the more restrictive rules of evidence. # __Not__ an adversary proceeding, ~~this~~ it would have "been improper to have a lawyer for any particular suspect, there." (__What__ suspects other than LHO?) # Re LHO - FBI, 'best evidence" was denial under oath of JEH (!) "We examined all the evidence we could __find__.. Those who

were making this suggestion couldn't give us any evidence, other than rumor..."
"I can't believe that the responsible head of any agency ... it was the best evidence we could get."

WK "For a JSC of this ~~kind~~ nature, Sterling... c̄ ~~out any~~ no preconceived notions, you did have to ~~consider the possibility~~ believe in your mind that it was possible for the most (massive) and (heinous) conspiracy of all time, involving the very highest levels of Govt, didn't you, in order to lay your case?"

McCloy Can't conceive such a conspiracy wouldn't have emerged somewhere — charge of "political truth" is silly — 5 were Republicans, had their integrity ~~to think~~ of. ~~St~~ Went to grassy knoll. First was up at window, "rather easy shot" Anybody that had somewhat similar experience (ie a lot of experience) could have done it.

Conclusions were not rushed at all. Maybe he did rush to print a little too soon. Could have been some things they could have tidied up ie a typo in very impt conclusion "possibility" should have been "impossibility" Could have made a better index than we made. All matters of pure form, not substance. He is prepared to stand on the C's conclusions as given, they are sound.

"I don't mean to say that at some stage somebody might not turn up with some evidence we weren't able to adduce."

What he'd do over again? He would "stand by the report, considering the time we had to do it in and the fact that you did have to arrive in a reasonable time to a report."

If do over again, would insist on autopsy photos c̄ xrays. Had best evidence, completely satisfied c̄ doctors' evidence — X & ph in archives can be seen by anybody "on proper arrangements." But what doctors themselves had seen was best evidence?

WK Ever any suggestion an indep. medical examiner should look at the Ph & X rays?

understands after WR, suggest made.

JJMc Has no doubt that under proper arrangements that exam could be made. WC did not set the rules — Nat'l Archives did. Gov't determines.

WK re "Although not necessary to any essential findings..."

JJM does not wish comment on any question of evidence, would be improper. Single-bullet [illegible] bandied about a great deal.